

country. The police was satisfied that M. de La Sahla had communicated to the Government some very valuable details, both political and military, lie also informed the War Minister that he had brought with him a little packet of detonating powder, and offered, it is said, to give it up; but it seems that no one was inclined to receive the dangerous deposit. Being asked the reason why lie carried the powder about him he replied that he did not wish to have it at the hotel where he lodged, for fear that any person should touch it and occasion some accident. He is further said to have given M. Metternieh proofs that M. Stein, the Prussian Minister, had urged him to poison M. de Mongelas, the Bavarian Minister, and that M. Metternieh appeared indignant, and horror-struck at M. tttein's conduct. If these declarations be true it must be acknowledged that some members of the Prussian Cabinet then resorted to diplomatic measures of a very extraordinary nature.

There is an evident error in the above report respecting the age of M. La Huhla, who in 1815 could not be more than twenty-three. It is the latter part of the report which induced me to observe above, that if there, went any inae.eu-racies in the statement they were more likely to proceed from Eouehe?s police than the false representations of young La Sahla. It is difficult to give credit without proof to such accusations. However, I decide nothing; but I consider it my duty to express doubts of the truth of these, charges brought against the two Prussian Ministers, of whom the Prince of Wittgenstein, a man of undoubted honor, luis always spoken to me in thn bent of terms.

There *in* nothing to prove that La Sahla returned to France the second time with the same intentions as before. Thin project, however, it* a mystery to me, and his detonating powder gives rise to many conjectures.¹

¹ Tliis account of La Bah la produced a warm remonstrance from Baron Stein, which appeared first in the Frunsliiii. SV«<r Uazettv and wti« afterwarðu copied into many other p&{>erR* In the Bartm'H reply he d<*>elar<Mt that he never saw La Hahla until that parson vixitod him in Parts in 1814. The Baron wan not then a Prussian Minister, having been diftiniMned by Napoleon in 1808 from that cabinet, of which he never afterward* wan u member. He asks, what motive could he have for poisoning Count MongKlaH, and what pocmible influence could such a crime havo on the political (questiotm which were agitated in the autumn of IBM and the spring m 1815. A complete oopy of the Baron's vindication wan annexed to the Gorman translation of T'tour-rienne'a Memoir*. Baron Uagorti applied to !*rinoe Mettwnich for a declaration from him on the nubject, and received in return the following letter:—

⁴⁴ The passage in M. de Bourrteime's* Memoir* which him attracted Karon Stein's attention produced a> similar effect on me. I never knew any IndU